

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1906, a Laurens grocery store owner, J. J. Pluss, in partnership with J. W. Ferguson, organized The Palmetto Bank using, it is believed, store profits to help fund the new bank; and

WHEREAS, The Palmetto Bank was one of the few banking institutions that was able to survive the national financial crisis of 1933, never closing for business throughout the troubled times; and

WHEREAS, with 32 offices in 9 counties, The Palmetto Bank has grown to a mid-size community financial institution, offering competitive products and services with small-town friendliness; and

WHEREAS, this year, The Palmetto Bank is celebrating its past 100 years of business with a continuing commitment to personal service and customer satisfaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2006, as

THE PALMETTO BANK 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in celebrating The Palmetto Bank's 100 years of service to residents, businesses, and communities in the Upstate.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA